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Steel, Ever A Profit Hog

In its lust for profits at the expense of labor, the steel industry ranks first. This reputation is not unearned. It goes back many years, at least 57, to the Homestead lockout of 1892 when a union, the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron & Steel Workers, pitted itself against the Carnegie Steel Co. and lost.

For 4½ months the steelworkers struggled against Carnegie, the courts and police. Dozens were killed or injured as a ruthless company unleashed its power against labor.

The Carnegie plant in Homestead, Pa., employed 3,800 workers. Only 800, the most skilled, were union members. Wages were as low as 14c an hour when negotiations for a new contract began in February 1892. The company rejected all union demands and advanced none of its own except one—for pay cuts to take effect when the contract expired June 30.

BLOW TO CARNEGIE
On June 28 Carnegie closed the factory. After news of the lockout spread through Homestead, a mass meeting of workers was called and Carnegie suffered a stunning blow. The 3,000 unorganized common laborers and unskilled mechanics voted to back the Amalgamated.

Picket lines were set up outside the plant to bar the entry of scabs, or black sheep as they were called in those days. As pickets marched along peacefully at the plant gates, the union tensely awaited Carnegie's next move. It wasn't long in coming.

On July 4, 300 Pinkerton detectives left Youngstown, O., by boat and sailed down the Monongahela river to the Homestead plant. By this maneuver, Carnegie hoped to outwit the pickets who were covering all land entrances. As the Pinkertons were landing at nightfall, a shot rang out. Then bullets started flying. When firing ceased, seven workers and three strikebreakers were dead.

USE SCABS, COURTS
Outraged at Carnegie's attempt to import scabs, workers around the country sent sympathy messages to the embattled strikers. Also outraged at what had happened, but for other reasons, the Pennsylvania governor ordered out the National Guard. With the backing of the troops, Carnegie started scabberding anew. This time, however, it decided to use the courts as an ally as well.

On September 22 the grand jury indicted 167 workers on various charges. In October the Pennsylvania chief justice went to Homestead personally and had 27 workers arrested for treason.

Plagued by these legal actions and unable to bar scabs from working, the strikers' ranks broke in mid-November when the day laborers and mechanics voted to go back. The others soon followed. Carnegie made the most of the triumph. Active unionists were blacklisted throughout the industry and the company announced it would never again deal with a union. In 1901 when Carnegie joined with other steel employers to form the United States Steel Corporation, a similar anti-union ban was declared.

It took the Wagner act to clear the way for organization of the industry. Today the Carnegie-Illinois plant at Homestead is solidly in the ranks of the union. And on the hillside overlooking the plant stands a simple union-built monument dedicated to the martyrs of Homestead.

John St. Paving Job is Started

Ted F. Baum Construction Co. of Fresno was to start the widening and repaving of John and Abbott Streets in Salinas on Monday of this week, the start delayed to allow preconstruction connections and building moving to be completed, according to J. B. McGinley, business agent of Salinas Laborers Union 272.

McGinley reported that union laborers had been called for the project, which is hoped to be completed before rains start. During the project, traffic on Highway 101 will be re-routed through Salinas.

Laborers 690 Enjoy Party

Members of Laborers Union 690 of Monterey enjoyed a "beer bust" at the conclusion of last week's meeting, Business Agent S. M. Thomas reports.

Business at the meeting was confined to routine matters, despite a large attendance, he said. The party included refreshments and impromptu entertainment.

Apprenticeship Program Pushed For Carpenters

Work experience cards for apprentices of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas were brought up to date for 21 trainees at a meeting last week of the newly-reorganized Salinas Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Committee, according to Harvey Baldwin, union business agent.

Earle H. Meyer, of the State Division of Apprenticeship Training, was in attendance at the meeting to offer assistance in checking the work records.

Periodic checks will be made by the joint committee to make sure that apprentices are receiving a rounded training, rather than getting too many hours on one classification of carpentry and not enough experience in another line.

Members of the joint committee present were Rothell Thurman, chairman; William Goodman, secretary; Gustav Nelson, Rex Powell and Baldwin.

Committee meetings are held the second Thursday night of each month, with the next meeting set for September 8.

D.M. Surf Room Gets Union Crew, New Orchestra

A fully-union crew has been supplied by Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey to the Surf Room of the Beach Club, of the Del Monte Properties, Inc., on 17-Mile Drive, according to union Secretary George L. Rice.

Assistance in supplying waiters came from Al Armstrong, of Waiters Union 30 of San Francisco, Rice said. The all-male crew includes waiters, bartenders and the kitchen crew, he added.

The Surf Room features dinner dancing nightly to Bill Pierce and his orchestra, members of Musicians Union 616, and the house is open to the general public, Rice reported.

Manager of the Surf Room is Ten Henault. Maitre de Hotel is Eugene Lambert. Chef is Joe Bastionelli, formerly with the Navy General Line School.

A letter was received from the operators of the place thanking the union for cooperation and praising the competency of the workers sent out, Rice said.

Negotiations Fail to Settle Sardine Pacts

Continued negotiations for the past week had failed on Friday to end the deadlock between the Monterey Fish Processors Assn. and the Fish Cannery Workers Union, although some points at issue had been settled, union Business Agent Lester Caveny reported.

With the fish canneries closed, except for tuna pack at Hovden's (not an association plant), members of the union continued idle. One of the big obstacles was reportedly a liberalized vacation clause.

Meanwhile the AFL Fishermen's Union members were idle as the Monterey Purse Seine Assn., the boat owners group, and canneries were unable to reach accord on price for sardines, the boat owners asking last year's price of \$50 while the canners are standing pat on \$25, it was reported.

Les Cavey Gets Buck

Lester Caveny, business agent of the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union, found time to go deer hunting last week despite the press of contract negotiations, and returned with a forked-horn buck. Brother Caveny, who has some prize hunting dogs, rarely goes hunting without getting his quota, his friends report.

Butchers 506 Continue Pact Without Talks

By a majority vote of all division meetings, Butchers Union 506 of San Jose, Santa Clara County, Watsonville, and Monterey County has decided to continue major contracts for another year without negotiations, Executive Secretary Earl A. Moorhead reports.

The contracts which would have expired this fall but which were continued without talks with employers include those covering these classifications:

Jobbing House, Retail, Slaughterhouse, Sausage Makers, Truck Drivers, Service Sales, Boners, and By-Products.

Members voted in meetings at Monterey, Salinas, Watsonville, San Jose and Palo Alto to continue the agreements, a recommendation of the Western Federation of Butchers of California.

Contract for egg workers was signed as of June 1 and provided an extra holiday.

Contract covering poultry workers will expire next January 6 and will be re-negotiated, it was reported.

Hollister Bars, Cafes Unionized; List Announced

With the AFL organizing campaign showing continued progress in the Hollister area, most of the unions coming from San Jose to unionize the area, two Salinas unions are spurring activity to get all bars and cafes under contract, it was announced last week.

Secretary A. J. Clark of the Joint Executive Board of Salinas Bartenders Union 545 and Culinary Alliance 467, said a list of union houses in the Hollister area has been compiled for publication as a service to union people. Clark, secretary of Local 545, and Bartha A. Boles, secretary of Local 467, have negotiated signed agreements with the following:

The Smoke House, restaurant and bar; Bill's Cafe, with bar attached; New China Cafe; the Acme Club, restaurant and bar; Walt's Dining Room, also bar, and San Juan Coffee Shop.

Youngsters Get Free Ice Cream At Movie Show

Ice cream bars were given out to youngsters attending the motion picture shows of the Teamsters Kiddies Klub in Salinas last Saturday, according to Albert A. Harris, president of Teamsters 890 and chairman of arrangements for the shows.

Rapid Harvest Corp. donated puppies which were given to certain of the children present also, and a bowl of goldfish was presented to a little girl.

At the next Kiddies Klub show, on Saturday morning, August 27, at Salinas High School Auditorium, there will be more free ice cream and other favors, plus the quarterly presentation of a new bicycle donated by Dick's Cycle Shop, formerly the Hobby Shop, Harris said.

Housing Project At Salinas Starts

Construction was started last week on the Santa Lucia Village tract, at the northern entrance to Salinas, where 250 low-cost homes will be built, first ones to be ready within six weeks, according to J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272.

Co-builders of the housing project are the Goheen-Travis Corp. and Talcott Lumber Co. of Salinas, McGinley added.

Three Councils Back Agrillo

Two Central Labor Councils have announced endorsement of Anthony Agrillo for re-election as vice president of the California State Federation of Labor. These are councils at Salinas and San Jose. Agrillo, secretary of San Jose Barbers Union 252, may get opposition again this year from Thomas A. Small, former state vice president and secretary of San Mateo Culinary-Bartenders Union 340, it has been indicated.



ANOTHER LAST LAUGH in this year's labor news was enjoyed by Senator Robert A. ("Let them eat less") Taft, who vowed that Taft-Hartley wouldn't be repealed this year, and it wasn't. But E.A.T. will have opportunity for laugh or frown next year, when he becomes labor's Number One Political Target. Standing as he does for the insipid, intolerant, autocracy of American wealth, the rich legislator is due to legislate no more.

Tobin Cites Stabilizing Effect of Social Security, Farm Support Laws

The federal programs instituted since the early 1930's such as social security and the farm support programs, have proved a strong defense against the kind of economic collapse the country experienced in 1920-21, Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin said before the full employment conference of Americans for Democratic Action.

SITUATIONS NOT NORMAL
At a luncheon meeting at the Shoreham Hotel, Tobin quoted from President Truman's mid-year Economic Report, which analyzes the current economic situation.

"Many a mayor and governor will tell you that with unemployment between three and four million nationally, as at the present time, they have situations in their cities which they would not like to regard as normal," the secretary said. "They will also tell you that without the cushion to community purchasing power which has been provided by unemployment compensation, the situation would be much more serious than it is. The President has already taken action to direct special assistance to local areas within the limits of existing federal procurement and construction programs. I read from the Monthly Letter of the National City Bank for June: 'These elements of strength (social security, farm support programs) have been widely discussed and recognized.'"

SOCIALISMS
The Secretary criticized the "cries of socialism or—in the phrase now so popular—the Welfare State," when such measures were first proposed.

"Bankers, investors, big and little business alike," he said, "have all benefited from these economic reforms and activities of government."

"If the unemployment compensation and social security programs have been such a boon to economic

stability, as they have, there should be no objection to extending these programs to make them more adequate.

"If the Tennessee Valley Authority has proved such a dynamic force in the economic development of the South, as it has, we should explore the possibilities of public capital investment in resource development in other underdeveloped areas of the nation."

COOPERATION OF ALL
"The American enterprise system throughout our whole history has combined the initiative of both private and public enterprise. Private enterprise has been given the broadest possible role consistent with the public interest as determined by legislative policy. The expansion of the economy we look forward to in the future requires the cooperation of government, business, labor, and farmers for the fullest utilization of our economic resources."

Welcome to the crowds coming to Pacific Grove for the Asilomar Labor School and Institute this week. C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, and Dan Flanagan, Western AFL representative, were to be present for the institute.

Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union will hold annual elections during the "light of the moon" in October. Nominations will be at the September meeting, it was announced.

Several county labor leaders travelled to San Luis Obispo on Sunday to hear a talk by James Roosevelt, son of the late President and considered by many as the leading candidate for governor of California in next year's election.

George R. Harter, former business agent of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas, is back from a vacation trip with his wife. His plans for the future were not announced but it is reported that he has applied for renewal of his contractor's license.

The Salinas Local Joint Executive Board of Bartenders Union 545 and Culinary Alliance 467 sent a floral greeting to the reopening of Youngman's Drive-In Restaurant last week, the house being under union contracts.

Painters Win Wage Increase At Monterey

Negotiations with the Monterey Master Painters Association last week resulted in establishment of a new wage scale for Painters Union 272 of the Monterey Peninsula, according to James Bolin, union business agent.

The new wage scale is \$2.20 per hour, and the 7-hour work day is continued, Bolin said. Spray scale of \$3.30 per hour was created, also. Overtime and time-and-one-half is established, with double time pay on Saturdays and Sunday but no work allowed on these days except in event of special permission or emergency, Bolin said. August 1st was set as effective date.

MD's Push Fairy Tales

No distortion is too big for the American Medical Assn. to use in its million dollar lobby against a people's program of national health insurance.

The lobby states a national health insurance program would mean 1,500,000 government employees to run the works, wasting medical dollars. This story is based on an old estimate of pre-Hitler social security in Germany; this fancy statistician counted every government and private employee in every welfare program in the country and chalked them all up to health insurance.

Actually, government health insurance involves many fewer employees than private or voluntary insurance plans. Administrative expenses of social security programs are far lower than of private insurance schemes, not to mention the outright profits of the latter.

The medical fairy tale continues with a claim that veterans would be penalized because they would have to pay under health insurance "though they already have paid in war service for medical care."

MORE LIES!
The fact is that the present medical services provided free for veterans provide far less than 10% of their total health needs and for none of the needs of their wives and children. Veterans know this even though AMA big-wigs apparently don't. Under a national health insurance system, all these needs would be served.

The medical propaganda tries to give the impression that the British don't like their new National Health Service. The fact is that it's the most successful program the British labor government has put across since it came into office.

The needs of millions of British workers and their families are being met for the first time. It's costing more than had been expected, simply because no one knew how much unearned for sickness there was. For the first time, medical need, rather than pounds and shillings, is determining who gets the doctor's attention.

BETTER, NOT WORSE
The AMA states that in all other nations where health insurance has been made a public program, medical care has deteriorated in quality and medical education has declined. This distortion has been denied again and again by distinguished leaders of the medical profession in Britain and Europe.

Actually medical education has expanded tremendously under health insurance, because it always becomes necessary to train more doctors when the needs of people are to be met. Everywhere in the world, health insurance programs have expanded continually. The vast majority of Americans get no medical care, can't afford it.

National health insurance is needed here, as it has been needed

Bartenders Picnic Tuesday In Salinas

Members of Bartenders Union 545 Salinas, bar operators, owners and guests, will gather at the Rodeo Gun Club picnic grounds on San Juan Road next Tuesday (Aug. 23) for the annual barbecue outing of Local 545, Secretary Al Clark reported.

Proceeds from the affair, held next week because of the special election in Salinas, will go into the union's benefit and welfare fund for charity purposes.

Steak dinners will be served, along with other refreshments. Entertainment and games will be offered. A record crowd is expected, according to Tiny Eakins, chairman of arrangements.

It's Lara Once More!

In-again, out-again! Carl Lara once more is business agent and financial secretary of Painters Union 1104 of Salinas, this time apparently until next June, when the union has its general elections.

Lara was defeated by Roy Hearn, a non-beneficiary member, who both times was ruled ineligible for the office. Last week, in a special election supervised by International Representatives King and Clark of the Painters Union, Lara was victorious over two other candidates and was returned to the union's key post. He had been working as a painter at Moss Landing.

in other countries. We may have more natural wealth than other nations, but not enough to squander in needless sickness and 350,000 needless deaths each year.

Old Hoover Gets Big Play

Old Herbie Hoover, living reminder of a rotten economic era in the U. S., spoke up from his home town, Palo Alto, Calif., last week, and got a big play in the nation's GOP-controlled press.

Herbie was 75 years old, and as old as the Stone Age as far as modern, enlightened, humanitarian economics are concerned. He preached the gospel of the world's wealthy: work hard and you'll get there.

It was a fairly good ghost-written speech old Herbie rumbled off in those monotonous tones so reminiscent of his mournful administration of the ship of state. He put out some pearls of wisdom for the common folk to swallow, the same stuff he, Robert A. Taft, and the other mouthpieces of wealth have been poisoning Americans with for six decades.

The Republicans can't get back in the White House after the cunning but disastrous depression they maneuvered through Herbie, but they still run the press and radio, and these dispensers of poison played Herbie's birthday message to the skies last week, a strong try to gain public favor once again and to wipe out bitter depression memories.

Herbie, who has so much money he doesn't know what to do with it, talked about the present administration's social security efforts, saying they "frustrate those basic human impulses to production..." The old tripe again—that a man can still make the grade if he plugs hard, when the truth is the only new field to conquer is that of exploiting each other. Herbie and his pals got the real gravy long ago, the Hoovers specifically off the sweat of Chinese coolies in California.

Happy birthday, Herbie, may you rest peacefully with the legion of ghosts, the hate and human misery you represent.

Unemployment Total Higher

Washington. — Unemployment passed the 4,000,000 mark in July for the first time since January, 1942, the Census Bureau reported. The estimated total of 4,095,000 for the week ending July 9 was about 330,000 higher than the June figure.

Total civilian employment, however, rose to 59,720,000, the highest figure this year.

The gain of employment combined with the rise in unemployment figures indicated a continuation of the summer expansion of the labor force.

However, in contrast with the last two months, the Census Bureau said, the rise in unemployment between June and July cannot be attributed to the entry of young persons into the labor force. Adult workers accounted for most of the increase in July.

Although many youngsters were apparently able to obtain summer jobs, they still constituted a substantial part of the unemployed. About 900,000 of those looking for work in July were teen-age boys and girls. In April the corresponding number was 450,000.

As compared with July a year ago, total employment was about 1,900,000 lower and unemployment was correspondingly higher. The vacation season was near its peak in the July survey week, the bureau reported. As a result, about 5,000,000 persons were away from their jobs. Also, because of the incidence of the July 4 holiday in the survey week, many additional millions worked less than a full week.



TRUMAN'S CHOICE—Atty. Gen. Tom C. Clark was all smiles after Pres. Truman offered him the Supreme Court post left vacant by the death of Justice Frank Murphy. His acceptance of the nomination now awaits Senate approval.

NLRB Hits Denver BT On Boycott

Washington.—Taft-Hartley justice around the Denver soda fountain moved forward another notch August 7 as NLRB Trial Examiner Howard Myers found the Denver Building & Construction Trades Council and two AFL local unions guilty of a secondary boycott.

The soda fountain first gained fame last September when United States District Judge J. Foster Symes dismissed an NLRB injunction petition against the unions. A dispute over one soda fountain, and four workers who stopped installing it, he said, is not important enough to interstate commerce to be covered by the T-H law. He dismissed the petition for the injunction.

Later, the five-man NLRB told the trial examiner to go ahead with the case, saying that the NLRB and not a federal court decides on its jurisdiction in an injunction case. The federal circuit court then came through for the Taft-Hartley law, overruling Judge Symes and granting an injunction. (Meanwhile, the fountain had been installed.)

Now, finally, the ball has been passed back to the trial examiner, who agrees the fountain is vital to interstate commerce. If the unions appeal the case, the five-man NLRB will soon find the same old fountain in front of them again. After that, perhaps will come more courts.

Label Week Coming Soon

(State Fed. Release)
San Francisco. — National Union Label Week will be held this year from September 3 to September 10.

It is imperative that the organized workers of California recognize the importance of this campaign to support the producers of union goods.

The fundamental purpose of this annual demonstration is to draw public attention to the many excellent products which contribute to better living and which are manufactured by American workers receiving good wages, under healthy, sanitary conditions.

Governor Warren has been asked to proclaim Union Label Week as an official part of the California calendar for 1949.

\$25,000 Awaits Missing Waitress

On August 17, 1948, a waitress named Donnie Lee Howard married a Redwood City restaurant owner named Antony Marcopulas. She lived with him a few days, then left and has since not been heard from. On December 2, 1948, Marcopulas died in San Mateo Community Hospital, leaving an estate of about \$50,000, of which Donnie Lee is entitled to one-half.

Anybody know her whereabouts? Investigator F. W. Hammond, P. O. Box 631, San Carlos, thinks that Donnie Lee would come running if he knew about it. He has hunted high and low, in vain, has checked union locals but found none that has her in their records. He writes to this labor paper, hoping that it may help to locate her.

She will probably use the first name of Donnie Lee and any one of the following as a last name: Marcopulas, Howard, Collier, or Nance, according to Hammond.

The Marcopulas restaurant in Redwood City is known as the Eureka Grill. Donnie Lee went to work there in June of 1948.

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NEED UP-TO-DATE CONGRESS

What is wrong with our present Congress is that it is still top-heavy with reaction and the present majority is easily swayed by the anti-labor interests that usually are dominated by big business. This anti-labor majority is made up largely of Republicans but also a considerable number of Democrats, who are chiefly Dixiecrats from the South. When these line up together they have a majority today.

What is needed above all things else in our national government is an aggressively progressive, pro-labor and liberal-minded majority in both Houses of Congress. The United States cannot possibly continue as a leading and outstanding nation that stands in the forefront of progress unless we replace from two to three hundred members of our present Congress with genuine progressive liberals.

Not only for the future welfare of our labor movement but to insure the continued progress of the United States the time is here for all workers to be preparing and organizing now for the purpose of changing the complexion of our Congress in the elections of 1950. The primaries come first and are the most important, then come the general elections. Labor has the votes to change the present Congress into a go-ahead body that will serve the masses of our people instead of being the servile tool of big business.

LOOKING FOR CANDIDATES

One of the most encouraging manifestations of the present political situation is that an unusually large number of people, especially trade unionists, are looking for available candidates to present in the elections of 1950. Instead of starting off at the wrong end and making the mistake of giving premature and ill-considered endorsements, laboring people are casting about to find suitable material from which a large segment of labor organizations as possible may later make their choice.

It is right here the various Labor Leagues for Political Education, which are being organized in all parts of the United States, can be helpful in enabling labor to make wise selections when the time for choosing labor candidates arrives. What is important is to choose candidates who not only have the ability to fill the offices for which they are named but can be depended upon to remain loyal to the principles and program on which they may be elected.

It is a waste of time to endorse candidates and then have them doublecross the labor movement by doing just the opposite of what they promised after they are in office. This is how a lot of the two-faced politicians now holding seats in our Congress and in our state government won their election. Such faithless public servants should be replaced by a more reliable type, who will keep faith with the voters in case they are elected.

ONLY CHOICE IS TO ACT

There is no other alternative for labor to resort to in the nation-wide struggle, which aims to destroy labor unions, than for the workers themselves to accept the challenge of the enemies of organized labor to engage in political battle. Unless labor does just this and proceeds to make thorough preparation, during the present year, for the elections that are to be held in 1950, labor is not apt to be much of a factor in the coming political campaigns. On the other hand, by organizing politically now and presenting a united front in every state of the Union when next year comes labor can be the deciding factor.

Labor cannot afford to neglect this opportunity to convert our national Congress and our state government in California from the anti-labor set-up prevailing in both today to a pro-labor majority that will give labor a fair deal in the years that lie ahead. Labor cannot wait until next year to start this campaign. This is the reason that organized labor is starting to organize all its political workers now and is forming labor leagues everywhere to enable the workers to get educated and disciplined.

There is work to do and lots of it for every trade union member now living in the United States. By attending union meetings and finding out first hand what is being undertaken all men and women who want to help, can fit themselves into the places that need to be filled if the absolutely necessary work to win next year's election is to be done in time to swing it.

HOW LABOR DOES POLITICS

People can be hired to do some things but no union has enough money to hire people to do its politics. That must be done by the members themselves on a volunteer basis or it won't be done at all. In the past labor and the unions have neglected to make use of their tremendous political power. This has made it comparatively easy for their enemies to maneuver themselves into political control of our national government and most of our states. Working people are today paying the penalty. A long, hard row lies ahead in order to regain what has been lost. The sooner labor gets going the better.

Grin or Groan

"Will you join me in a cup of coffee?"
"Sure," she replied with a smile, "you get in first."

When he hired the lunch counter waitress he gave her explicit instructions among which was: "When a customer forgets his change and walks away you must tap on the counter with a dollar bill."

A budget is simply a mathematical confirmation of your suspicions.

Her driving isn't improving. In fact she took a turn for the worse last week.

An apprentice called on the carpet for missing classes, explained his truancy as "Class Hatred."

Hors d'oeuvres: A ham sandwich cut into dozens of pieces.

Flattery is much like a rare perfume. One should inhale it, but never swallow it.

A harp is merely a nude piano.

The best education is that got by struggling for a living.

"My wife says if I don't chuck golf, she'll leave me."
"I say—hard luck!"
"Y-yes, I'll miss her."

A wise man will desire no more than he may get justly, use soberly, distribute cheerfully and leave contentedly.—Old Saying.

Woman on telephone: "I sent my little boy to your store for two pounds of plums, and I got only a pound and a half. Your scales must be wrong."

Fruit dealer: "My scales are all right, madam. Have you weighed your little boy?"

Are you listening to the news, dear?"
"No, I heard the news. I'm listening to the meaning of the news."

"What does he say?"
"He says he doesn't know what it means."

He who receives a good turn should never forget it; he who does one should never remember it.—Charron.

The law says girls are minors until they are twenty-one, but a lot of them keep on gold-digging afterward.

Among the footprints on the sands of time we know a few who leave only the marks of a heel.

Worth begs in base minds, envy; in great souls, emulation.—Fielding

A man went to the bar and ordered a Martini, drank it, chewed up the bowl of the glass, and threw the stem over his shoulder. He continued this for about six Martinis and noticed the bartender was staring at him.

"I guess you think I'm crazy, don't you?" he asked.
"I sure do," the bartender replied. "The stems are the best part."

Love at first sight is often as foolish as divorce at first sight.

Bldg. Trades Pay Averages \$2.20

Washington, D. C.—Union wage scales of workers in the construction industry advanced 1.7 per cent during the second quarter of 1949, and on July 1 average \$2.20 an hour, the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics has estimated, on the basis of its quarterly survey of 7 basic trades in 85 cities. The 2-per cent rise in scales of wages from the first of the year is the smallest gain achieved by union building-trades workers for any similar period since World War II ended. In 1948, wage-rate increases for the first six months amounted to 7 per cent. Between July 1939 and July 1949, basic scales rose 71 per cent, three-fourths of which occurred after V-J Day.

Union scales are the minimum wage rates agreed upon through collective bargaining between employers and trade-unions. Overtime beyond established maximum daily and weekly hours is excluded. The scales do not reflect either rates for apprentices or premium rates; thus they do not represent total hourly earnings of union labor.

Between April 1 and July 1, 1949, a third of the workers covered by the survey received increases, the majority of which ranged from 10 to 15 cents an hour. In some significant instances, however, agreements were negotiated for another year without any change in wage scales. Some local unions in 32 of the 85 cities reported that negotiations were in progress on July 1.

When molybdenum is included in stainless steel, the corrosion resistance of the alloy is increased.



AT HER SUMMER HOUSE—"I can't understand why all this talk about housing shortages!"

Past 40? Junk Heap!

The time is coming in this country when the Government may have to start paying social security benefits to a man when he reaches his 45th birthday. That's right, we said 45, not 65.

A lot of good people are going to throw up their hands when they read that statement and charge that we are trying to bankrupt the country and turn Americans into a bunch of lazy loafers. They will want to know why we think a man shouldn't go on working as long as he is physically able.

Our answer is that a man should go on working just as long as he's able to get a job. The pinch comes when a man in his 40's gets laid off. Everywhere he applies for a job, he is told that he's over age.

NOT OVER 35!

In more companies than you realize, unless you read the help wanted ads, the age limit on hiring has dropped to 35 years. Most industries, whether they admit it or not, won't take on men after they reach 45—unless there's a labor shortage, of course.

We believe that our government has got to face up to this problem of finding jobs for older workers. What's a man going to do when he's told he's too old at 48? Is he supposed to starve? Is he supposed to go on home relief? Is he supposed to take a janitor's job and forget his skills? Obviously not.

Isn't a man just as competent at 48 or 50 as he was at 28 or 30? Don't experience and wisdom count for at least as much as speed and strength? We think the war proved that.

The solution to this problem is not going to be simple, but neither is it impossible.

BLACKLIST OVER 40?

The Government was able to prevent employers from blacklisting union members. In the Wagner Act, Congress told every employer that he could no longer refuse to hire anyone because he belonged to a union, nor could he fire anyone because he joined a union. We think a similar law could be adopted to protect our older citizens from blacklisting because of their age. We think such a law could be enforced.

If Congress is going to continue to permit employers to blacklist a man at 46—because he is 46—then the Congress is going to have to let that man start drawing his social security benefits at 46. That's simple justice.—"The Machinist".



CAPITALIST (handing him a cup of coffee and sandwich): "Why, man, I don't want to see you starve—I need you to keep my employees from asking higher wages."

Price Cuts For Woolens, Radios Hearten Buyers

Washington.—American consumers were heartened by recent news of price slashes by manufacturers of woolen goods, radios, and farm implements.

Further encouraging reports came from the steel and automobile industries which have boosted production at a time when the output of other manufacturing establishments has declined.

Price cuts were announced as follows:

1. The American Woolen Co., the world's largest manufacturer of woolen and worsted fabrics, said in New York it was making one of the biggest price cuts in men's suitings in almost 30 years.

SPRING-LINE

The reductions will be on the spring 1950 line of men's suitings. They run up to about 19 per cent compared with 1949. In dollars and cents they figure up to 70 cents a yard. The company said the cuts will bring its men's wear fabrics, worsteds and tropicals, to the lowest possible point.

2. Sears Roebuck announced at Chicago it was cutting farm implements from 4 to 16 per cent, at once. Costs of manufacture did not warrant a cut, the company said, but "the facts of our present economic life make it apparent that the farmer must receive some price relief if the lagging farm implement market is to be stimulated."

Sample cuts: A side-delivery rake from \$320 to \$295; a garden tractor from \$185 to \$169.50; a corn planter from \$120 to \$105.

3. Westinghouse Electric Corp. slashed prices of 16 radio models from \$5 to \$200, effective at once. Its AM-FM-shortwave-phonograph combination was reduced from \$499.95 to \$299.95, down \$200. Its phonograph combination console with AM-FM, formerly \$239.95, is cut to \$139.95—off \$100. Other models reduced are two table models with standard band reception, two others with FM, one portable, 7 phonograph AM-FM combination consoles, one AM-FM console and two combination consoles.

PRODUCTION LOW

On the darker side of the economic picture, the Federal Reserve Board announced that total industrial production declined in June for the 7th consecutive month to a 3-year low, 13 per cent under last November's peak output.

Some observers predicted that production would go still lower in July, the height of the vacation season, but would show an upturn in the early fall.

To Repeal Most Excise Taxes

Congress is being asked to repeal some excise taxes and to lower the rates of others.

The National Planning Association is the latest of a long list of organizations urging revision of Federal tax policies in the excise area. Several senators and representatives also want excise taxes either cut or eliminated. The Senate Appropriations Committee has recommended passage of a bill doing this.

Working men and women are hardest hit by excise taxes—really a mild form of sales tax.

When the 80th Congress passed its rich-man's tax-reduction measure, conservatives on Capitol Hill didn't raise the question of excise taxes. Now that they know there is little chance of further tax cuts because of the irresponsible action of the last Congress, men like Rep. Joseph Martin (R., Mass.) are urging lower excise rates.

The steering committee of NPA says, "In addition to the tax on transportation of property, repeal of which has been requested by the President, we recommend lifting taxes on electric light bulbs, luggage and leather goods, business and store machines, sporting goods, toilet preparations, electric, gas and oil appliances, furs, photographic apparatus, musical instruments, jewelry, clocks and watches, phonographs and phonograph records, air conditioners, and matches."

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IMPOSED IN WORLD WAR II

The taxes which the NPA wants eliminated were imposed in World War II to discourage purchase of the articles on which the levies were placed. The other excise taxes mentioned by NPA were, in most cases, increased during wartime.

Cotton Mill Earnings Show Increase in South

Washington.—The BLS announced July 19 that a special study showed straight time average hourly earnings in cotton mills on the increase in the South but constant in New England. In five areas studied, BLS reported, five-sixths of the jobs showed an increase of 5 per cent in the South during the year ending April 1, 1949.

OUR GROUNDHOG WORLD

By Geo. Cartwright



COMMISSAR OF AGRICULTURE

In the Brannan bill—the one calling for the socialization of the American farm—there are, according to the opposition, 160 expressions like "as the Secretary deems necessary," or "under regulations prescribed by the Secretary." That is to say, if the bill becomes law, the Secretary of Agriculture will in fact become Commissar of Agriculture. To make sure that nobody will take recourse to the law for relief from its decrees, the bill provides that "no court of the United States or any state shall have jurisdiction to pass on the legal validity of such a determination . . ."

—Analysis, N. Y.

SUDDEN DEPRESSION PREFERRED

Henry George has been quoted as stating in effect, humans follow the line of least resistance. That is the line of least progress. Live fish swim up stream, dead ones drift down. In "The Outline of History," H. G. Wells comments that people do not demand change until conditions become painful. We know if painful conditions develop slowly, like prices inflated by concealed taxes, humans adapt themselves to the growing inequity. For that reason, if impoverishment of buyers by inflated land prices, i.e., rents and mortgage debt, due to tax relief to landholders, produces depression, the greatest benefit comes if it develops like a bomb explosion. A sudden smash on the stock market and drop in sales of commodities will result in social action going to roots of the problem. If the experience is painful enough the demand must be, "Land Rent for Revenue and Not a Singletax in Prices." Taking taxes out of prices lowers cost to buyers. Increased collection of Land Rent as Revenue will lower land prices to cost of improvements only, which is all the Landholder provided and all he should be paid for.

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RENT CONTROL RACKET

Canada's Senator, Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck, K. C., speaking: "It seems to me to be worthwhile to point out that at this time rent control is not the way to handle the problem of a shortage of houses. In our communities houses are taxed more heavily than anything else. We heard a good deal of criticism of the sales tax. It is 8% (in Canada) and goodness knows that is enough. There is fair ground for criticism, because the tax does a great deal of damage; but once the 8% is paid the taxpayer does not have to pay any additional sales tax, from then on our governments do not interfere with his ownership of the goods on which he has paid the tax. But if a house is built, as long as the house stands it is taxed every year an average of 4% of its value. That is the most drastic form of taxation we have . . . and it has discouraged home-building and increased the cost of housing for all our people."

N. B.—When manufacturers, dealers in building materials, and building trades workers learn the importance to the welfare of their business of "Land Rent For Revenue and Not a Singletax in Prices," the politician, who promotes sales tax on commodities or taxation of dwellings, will be identified for what he is, a cross between a skunk and a rattler.

San Antonio Bus Drivers Strike

San Antonio, Tex.—This city was hit by its first transit strike in 47 years August 1 when 700 AFL bus drivers and mechanics walked out to back up their demand for wage increases.

The strike vote, held by Division 694, Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway & Motor Coach Employees, was unanimous. The walkout tied up about 300 buses which normally carry a passenger load of 200,000 riders a day.

Although the union originally asked for a 19c hourly wage increase, it indicated it would be willing to settle for 5c. The company, however, refused to go above its offer of a penny hourly increase and a 50 per cent rise in pension benefits.

Builders Hear Del Carlo

(Continued from Page 1)
don't set up such plans," he said, "someone else will do it for us." Legislation also was discussed. He stated that it was the obligation of the contractors as well as of labor to study and combat legislation that affected the building industry and might hinder its development in any way. The City Planning Commission, he pointed out, at the present time had only one man who had had any experience in the construction field.

It's difficult to know what a man thinks by what he says.



HOUSING EXPEDITER'S HOUSE.—This sample house is an effort to show contractors how to bring down the cost of building. Federal Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods (top left) consults with architect Richard J. Barr outside the 14x36-foot "rambrette" at Gunston, Va. The house will sell for about \$6,750. Below, Woods chats with his secretary, Betty Farrell, in the living room of his "example home" built for the man making \$50 a week.

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The union is very much interested in the blood bank and we urge any member who has the desire to be a blood donor to get in touch with the office secretaries so that they may arrange, if your blood has not been typed, to have it typed and put you down on record so that we may call upon you when it is necessary to help some brother or sister when in need of a blood transfusion.

The union wishes to call to the attention of all its members Section 17 of the Local Constitution and By-Laws and we would like to quote this section to you. "It shall be the duty of all members of this union to patronize union business houses and to buy union label merchandise whenever possible. Any member convicted of patronizing an unfair business house or purchasing unfair merchandise, shall be fined the sum of five dollars (\$5)." Please guide your actions by this section of our by-laws.

The question has often been asked by various members of our union the definition of a Communist. We would like to define a Communist as it is defined by your United States Government and it is as follows: "A COMMUNIST IS A PERSON OR GROUP OF PERSONS WHO BELIEVE IN THE OVERTHROW OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BY FORCE." That is why the government insists on leaders of unions who work with large groups of people to sign statements under oath, which your officers from the top to the bottom have signed and are proud to be able to sign such statements. There are people in the labor movement who will not and cannot sign such statements. One such person is Donald Henderson, resigned international president of FTA-CIO, Local 78, who resigned the presidency of the international and took a director's position within the union to escape signing the non-Communist affidavits, and still people within the labor movement tolerate him when he is a direct danger to not only union but to our country. We urged all our members of Local 912 to rid the labor movement of Communists like Donald Henderson. All of the officers of Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Workers Local 912, have also signed the non-Communist affidavits, swearing that they are not Communists.

May we call your attention to a good union brother, Carl Naslund, who lives at 522 Riker Street, Salinas, Phone 20542, who is in business for himself selling Christmas cards, all forms of advertising, in fact all types of greeting cards and novelties. Any business given to Carl Naslund will be appreciated by this union, as Carl is confined to his home but does a remarkable job of helping in the support of his family by selling various articles in the advertising and gift line. Carl is an old time member in the Teamsters—way back when. He knows the ins and outs of the trucking delivery. Let's give Carl a lot of business.

Secretary-Treasurer Pete Andrade is on his annual vacation, and a well-earned one too. Pete has done a bang-up job negotiating contracts as well as representing this union at various conferences—helping to mold the Teamsters Union locally and nationally. Mrs. Andrade is with him and they are fishing in Oregon. We hope they bring back some of those fish.

Remember that the next meeting is the last of this quarter and if you have not attended a meeting in July or August, be sure to attend our next meeting to save the \$2.50 fine. The meeting will be held at the Salinas Union High School auditorium at the usual time of 8 p.m., September 13.

Frances Haynes, our office secretary, as well as Glen Wilkerson, the business agent, have just come back from their vacations looking like a million and all refreshed, ready and doing a bang-up job for the coming year. Frances spent her vacation in British Columbia while Glen went to the mountains and fished.

Our Kiddie Shows are still going great and they are being held every other week at the Salinas Union High School auditorium on Satur-

days, 10 a.m. We are having surprises at each show and will give a bicycle away at the August 27th show. If your kiddies have not attended one of these shows be sure and have them there on the 27th, and the shows are free.

CONTRACTS COMPLETED

We have just completed the office workers agreement covering Mission Creamery and Golden, State, giving those secretaries, bookkeepers and comptometer operators a 5c an hour increase, retroactive to August 1, bringing the minimum wages to \$188.65 to \$223.65 for bookkeepers. These office workers in one year have received up to \$50 a month increase. That is what can be gained by becoming organized into a unit and sitting down collectively with the employers and negotiating proper wage rates that should be paid.

Contracts have recently been completed for Monterey Ice Delivery in Monterey, both in retail sales of ice and retail sales of frozen foods. These agreements are fine agreements and have gotten those drivers a substantial increase for the coming year. Laundry drivers have just recently organized into this union and the union is in the process of negotiating agreements with the Salinas, American and Mission Laundries. If in need of laundry or dry cleaning use the services of these laundries as the drivers are now union and merit the patronage of all organized labor.

Are you a registered voter? If not or if you have changed your address, please come into the office of the union and one of the three secretaries, who are registrars of voters, will either register or register you if you have not voted in the last general election. In a democracy such as we have it is advantageous for us to be registered voters and to vote and to express ourselves so that in the end, government of the people and by the people will always be for the majority. And when complaining about the country or its conditions and you did not vote in the last general election, don't blame it on anybody but yourself.

REMEMBER: Texhoma, Ace, City and Dependable cabs are still non-union as far as the Teamsters Union is concerned and we ask you to patronize only those cabs that have the AFL Teamsters sticker on the windshield. Those are Black and White, Checker, Packard, Salinas and Yellow. In Monterey, Checker, Rusty's Limousine and Taxi, and Monterey Taxi.

If you are in need of gasoline be sure and purchase it from a union station that hire members of this union and pays them a good union wage. Those stations are Les Thompson, Front and Alisal; Firestone Store, Monterey and San Luis Streets; Sears in Valley Center; and Deane on E. Gabillon. We urge the membership of this union to always patronize union stations.

Community Chest drive will be coming up in the near future, and we urge all members to contribute as much as they can to the Community Chest as that money stays in the Salinas area. About 90 per cent of it goes for the working persons' benefit. So contribute generously to this organization so that they may help a working person who is less fortunate than you.

That is all for now—will see you next week, and in the meantime, buy only union-made goods and purchase only from those places that display the union shop card.

Diego Bakers' Hike

San Diego—A threatened strike was averted here with award of 5c hourly pay boosts to 135 employees of 26 retail bakeries, represented by Local 315, Bakery & Confectionery Workers Intl. Union (AFL). New pay scales are 1.57¢ for men production workers and 1.57¢ for women sales clerks.

The same union also obtained wage boosts averaging 5c an hour for women packers and 7c for men bakers in the Guthrie Biscuit Co., which produces all cookies and crackers for Safeway Stores, the west's largest retail grocery chain. Women's scales will range from 93c to 97c and men's pay will range from \$1.15 to \$1.60. The increases are retroactive to May 1.

LABOR MARKET BULLETIN

(State Dept. Employment)

SUMMARY
A seasonal increase in jobs occurred in the Salinas local office area during July bringing total employment slightly above the level of a year ago. However, unemployment is also considerably higher than it was at this time last year. The increase in unemployment is largely caused by the immigration of job seekers moving into the area with their families, including many construction laborers seeking jobs at the project underway at Moss Landing.

EMPLOYMENT TREND
Employment is expanding steadily but slowly in construction. During the next thirty days, a considerable gain in food processing employment will occur. This higher employment level will be maintained until late in November. Wholesale trade employers will also expand their work forces during the next two months. Fruit and tomato harvests starting in August will increase the demand for seasonal agricultural workers.

UNEMPLOYMENT TREND
The employment outlook seems to be good for at least four months, after which a sharp reduction in all activities except retail trade and construction usually occurs. The number of unemployed persons actively in the labor market has steadily decreased, but still remains well above last year. Claims for unemployment insurance and service-men's readjustment allowance benefits decreased 31 per cent from one month ago and are 45 per cent greater than in the same month one year ago. There are no signs of a change in this situation, although the number of unemployed can be expected to continue to decrease until October.

LABOR SUPPLY AND DEMAND
In most occupations, there are more job applicants than job openings. The prospects are that the local labor supply will be adequate to fill all labor needs, with the exception of a few skilled construction occupations and possibly some stoop labor.

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES
All hiring for the Moss Landing project is through labor unions in Salinas or in San Francisco and any inquiries should be directed to the unions in question. Migration to this area without a definite job offer should be discouraged in all cases.

Please Buy an Apple, Mister

(State Fed. Release)

San Francisco.—The current apple surplus crisis in Sebastopol, Sonoma County, has brought both sympathy from the labor movement for the suffering community and scorn for the militant anti-union tactics which have traditionally dominated that farm area.

In an effort to show that the American Federation of Labor holds a genuine regard for true farmer interests, a union delegation attended an emergency meeting of apple growers held at Sebastopol last Monday night. The delegation was comprised of Lowell Nelson, vice-president of District No. 12 of the California State Federation of Labor; Lowell Goodyear, secretary of the Petaluma Central Labor Council; Earl Sierck, business agent of the Teamsters Union, Sonoma County and M. S. Vidaver, editor of the AFL Cannery Reporter, official organ of the California State Council of Cannery Unions.

Brother Nelson advised the growers that the AFL would be only too glad to cooperate with farmers in their distribution problems, if given similar recognition in the basic rights of worker organization. The AFL Cannery Reporter has endorsed the idea of giving aid in this emergency period, but reminds that growers' greed is primarily responsible for the surplus.

Dorsey, of Wage-Hour, Dies in Philadelphia

Frank J. G. Dorsey, 58, Philadelphia regional director of the United States Department of Labor's Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions since August 1939, died July 13 in Philadelphia Naval Hospital.

Dorsey was also regional chairman of the Department of Labor for the region embracing the states of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and West Virginia.

Before joining the wage and hour division, Dorsey served as a member of congress from Pennsylvania's Fifth District. He was first elected in 1934 and was reelected 2 years later. He specialized in monetary affairs while in the House of Representatives. He formerly had been financial executive of Henry Disston Sons, saw and hardware manufacturers of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Dorsey and a daughter survive him.

LABOR COUNCIL REPORTS

By WM. G. KENYON
Secretary, Monterey County
Central Labor Union, Salinas

Creation of a Speakers Committee was highlighted at business at the August 15 meeting of the Monterey County Central Labor Union in Salinas, the committee to be available upon call for speakers from organized labor for civic club meetings or other public gatherings.

Members of this new committee will include Albert A. Harris, president of Teamsters Union 890; George R. Harter, council president and delegate from Carpenters Union 925, and Peter A. Andrade, secretary of Local 890.

Resignation of William Price from the Labor League for Political Education was accepted and Delegate Curruethers of Plumbers Union 503 was appointed to the LLPE vacancy.

Endorsement of Anthony Agrillo of San Jose, for re-election as vice president in this district of the California State Federation of Labor was voted by the council.

Telegrams were sent to U. S. Senators Downey, Knowland and others urging support of the Administration's public health program.

Penn. Bldg. Strike In 12th Week

Pittsburgh.—The building strike which has remained solid for 12 weeks here continued firm August 10 but there were signs of a break which may lead to an easing of the general construction tieup.

Federal and state labor mediators were reported readying a new effort to bring management and labor together. Talks collapsed a week earlier when employers refused to accept demands of Local 2, Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union (AFL), for a 50c hourly wage boost and other benefits.

The strike is directed mainly against the major commercial and industrial contractor members of the Master Builders Association.

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AFL Radio Spot Thurs.

(State Fed. Release)

San Francisco.—Starting July 5, the American Federation of Labor began a nationwide radio program over the American Broadcasting Company network.

The program is entitled "As We See It," and consists of a news commentary by James Crowley and interviews with labor leaders and public officials on topics of vital interest.

The program will be broadcast every Thursday night for the rest of the year between 9:30 and 9:45 o'clock, Pacific standard time.

Zinc Workers Accept Wage Cut

Joplin, Mo.—A proposal by the Eagle-Picher Mining & Smelter Co. to reopen its zinc mines with a wage cut of \$3.08 per day has been accepted by members of the United Cement Lime and Gypsum Workers (AFL). The workers previously had turned down the offer and refused to end their strike. The company then shut down its mines.

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